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NOTICE OF LOCAL RULE CHANGES

Two changes have been made to the District of Vermont's Local Rules of Procedure. Both changes involve the Court's Civil Rules of Procedure and are effective immediately:

- Existing Local Rule 6.1 involving additional time to respond when served by mail has been abolished due to a conflict with the new Rule 6(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure which went into effect on Dec. 1, 2005. *Three days of additional time are still allowed* when computing a time period for service by mail or electronic means but weekends and holidays are now *included*, rather than excluded, in computing the three-day time period.
- Local Rule 83.4(c)(1) involving the Answer deadline in removal actions has been amended to read:

(1) Answer. Any answer(s) not previously filed in state court are due *within the time allowed under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(a), calculated from the date of service of the summons and complaint.*

A complete version of the Court's Local Rules of Procedure is available from the Court's website: [http:// www.vtd.uscourts.gov](http://www.vtd.uscourts.gov)

New hard-copy Local Rule books are being printed and will be available for distribution shortly.

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